



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes huge amounts of narcotics statewide during 24-hour period

On May 21, 2008 at 8:25 p.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a 2003 Nissan for Speeding on I-40 near Flagstaff. A search resulted in the discovery of 5 pounds of Heroin located within the frame rails of the front bumper. Both subjects riding in the vehicle were arrested.

On May 22, 2008 at 7:12 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a vehicle for criminal speed on I-40 near Winslow. A search of the vehicle with the help of a DPS Canine revealed approximately 4000 tablets of Ecstasy concealed in the engine compartment and a bag of Marijuana concealed in a couch inside the Chevrolet Van. A total of \$1,577.00 in U.S. Currency was also discovered.

On May 22, 2008 at 8:40 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer attempted to stop a four door sedan for a lane violation on I-10 near Picacho Peak. A pursuit ensued. The vehicle eventually stopped on the dirt shoulder of the highway. The driver bailed from the car but was arrested a short time later. A search of the vehicle revealed 517.5 pounds of Marijuana.

On May 22, 2008 at 9:25 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a Chevrolet Suburban for a moving violation on I-10 near Benson. As the officer walked toward the vehicle, it sped off, eventually ending up in the desert where the driver bailed out of the SUV and was taken into custody after a foot pursuit. A search of the vehicle revealed 778 pounds of Marijuana.

On May 22, 2008 at 2:10 p.m. on Interstate 40 east of Flagstaff, an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a 1999 Ford SUV for a traffic violation. A subsequent search revealed 4 pounds of Methamphetamine in the luggage in the rear of the vehicle. The Driver was arrested for narcotics violations.

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